

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS



In City Council,

May 6, 2010

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Upon the recommendation of Mayor Clare Higgins and the Community Preservation Committee.
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Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Fund makes possible time-sensitive acquisitions to protect open space;

WHEREAS, the Fund meets the goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Agricultural Commission;

WHEREAS, the Fund protects forever undeveloped land in Northampton

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2010, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend \$50,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$50,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Conservation Fund for high priority, time sensitive open space acquisition and preservation projects. And, that the grantee meets the conditions substantially approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$50,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Community Preservation Committee Recommendation for Funding

Date: 04-07-10

Applicant: Conservation Commission

Amount of funding requested: \$100,000

Time-frame of request: ASAP

Amount of funding recommended by CPC: \$50,000

Time-frame of funding recommended: July 1, 2010

Summary reasons for recommendation:

- Fund makes possible time-sensitive acquisitions to protect open space
- Meets goals of Open Space and Recreation Plan
- Meets goals of Agricultural Commission
- Protects forever undeveloped land in Northampton

Conditions/contingencies attached to recommendation:

- Procedures for monitoring and reporting shall be worked out among the Committee, Mayor and the grantee.
- Fund limited to (1) soft costs for the permanent protection of open space for conservation, passive recreation, and agricultural uses, (2) hard costs under \$20,000 per project, and (3) hard costs over \$20,000 per project, but in this category only with CPC approval.
- Prior to expenditure of funds on land containing prime agricultural soils, the Conservation Commission and the Agricultural Commission shall work out a mutually acceptable decision-making process for the expenditure of CPA funds relating to the purchase of such land

Source(s) of funds:

CPA Open Space Fund; CPA General Fund if needed

Additional comments from committee: